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SUBJ: CUBANS SEEK TO SWAP VOTES ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. BRITISH AND PORTUGUESE EMBASSIES HAVE INFORMED USINT SEPARATELY THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO VOTE FOR CUBAN MEMBERSHIP IN UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IN EXCHANGE, CUBANS APPARENTLY OFFERED TO SUPPORT BRITISH AND PORTUGUESE CANDIDACIES. BRITISH WERE INTRIGUED BY CUBAN MOVE SINCE THERE ARE ONLY SIX LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATES (INCLUDING CUBA) FOR SIX SEATS AND, THERFORE, HAVANA'S VICTORY IS APPARENTLY ALREADY ASSURED.

2. COMMENT: WE PRESUME THAT CUBAN LOBBYING EFFORT IS AIMED AT SECURING BORADEST SEEMING WESTERN ENDORSEMENT FOR CUBA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. THE POSSIBILITY OF VOTE SWAPS IN THIS OR OTHER AREAS MAY BE SOMETHING WE MAY WISH TO KEEP IN MIND AS COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO COMES CLOSER.
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